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PLEASE SAVE US
... EH?
那份是

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THE TALE OF A TOUCHING DARK ILLUSION CHAPTER 2
A TALE OF HOPE AND DESTRUCTION THAT WILL NOW BE SHOULDERED BY A SINGLE TEENAGER
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继承下去
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TSUWABUKI TOKIMITSU IS NOT ONLY YOUR BIOLOGICAL FATHER
BUT HE'S ALSO A RICH INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN ALL SORTS OF BUSINESS CIRCLES SINCE THE MEIJI ERA. HE RAN SEVERAL CORPORATIONS THAT WERE CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER
AND HE ALSO INHERITED YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER'S COLLECTION OF STRANGE TREASURES AND THIS MANSION
SO YOUR FATHER WAS OFTEN GIFTED NATIONAL SECRETS THAT THE COUNTRY DEEMED UNNECESSARY TO KEEP
THE MANSION IS THE WAY IT IS NOW BECAUSE OF THE ALTERATIONS MADE TO ALLOW HIM TO COLLECT ALL THOSE ITEMS
HIS WORK INVOLVED MANY COUNTRIES' GOVERNMENTS...

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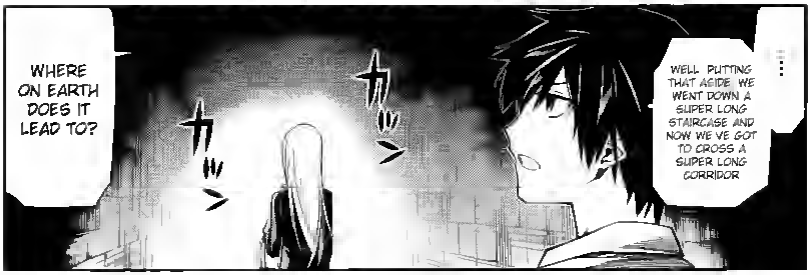
WELL, PUTTING THAT ASIDE, WE WENT DOWN A SUPER LONG STAIRCASE AND NOW WE'VE GOT TO CROSS A SUPER LONG CORRIDOR
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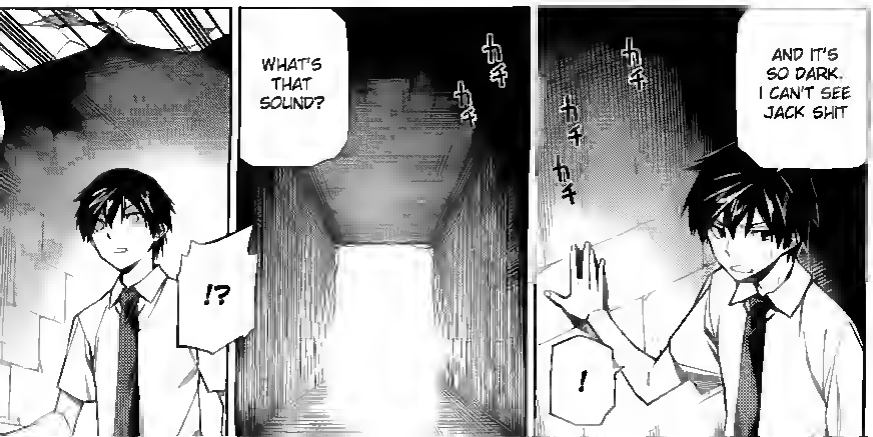
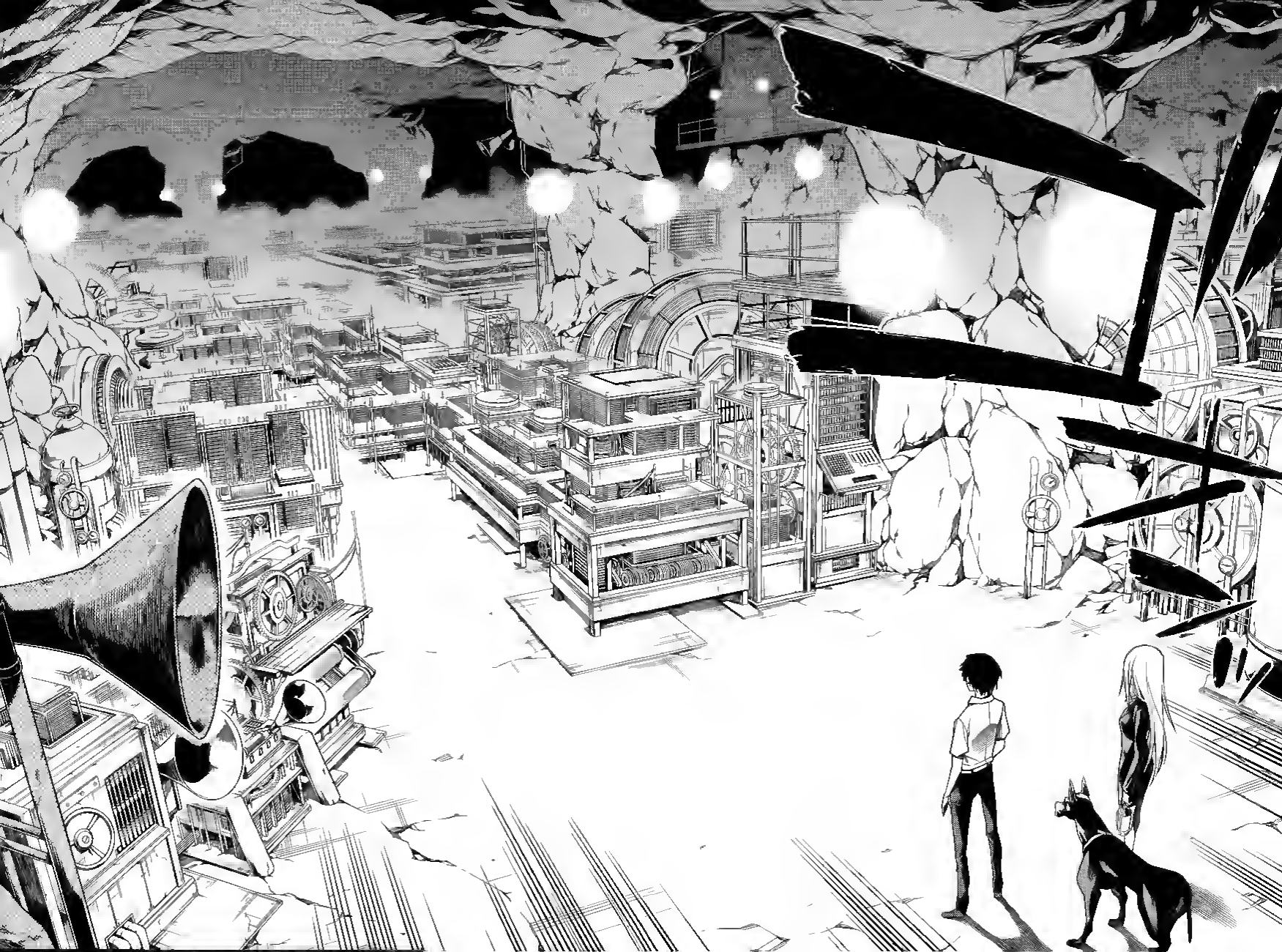
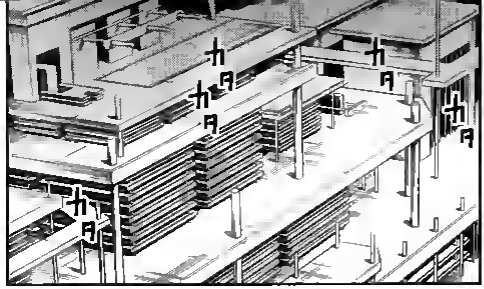
WHERE ON EARTH DOES IT LEAD TO?



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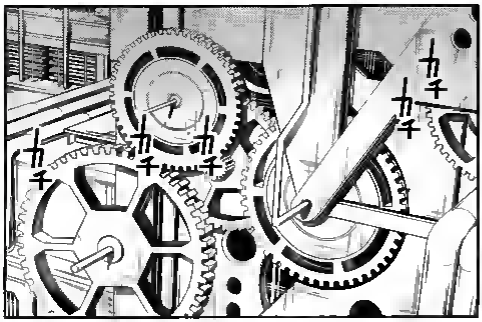
WHAT...
IS THIS?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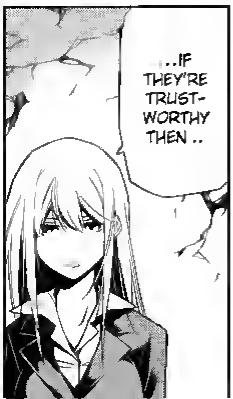
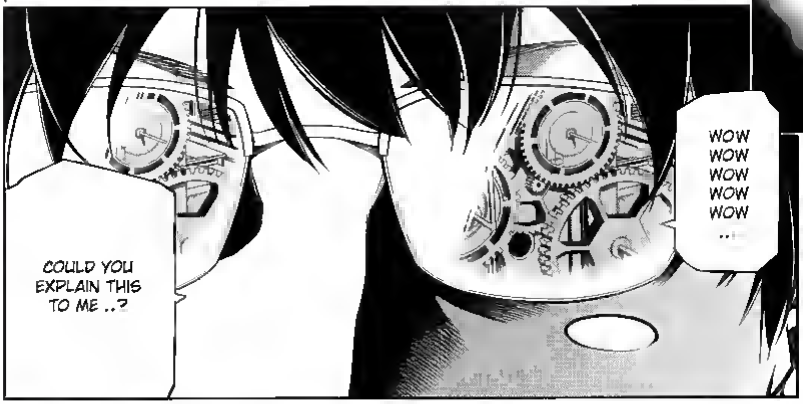
.. THIS IS-
.. AH, SORRY!
THESE THINGS AREN'T SOMETHING A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LIKE MYSELF COULD COMPREHEND


..IF THEY'RE TRUST-WORTHY THEN ..

MIHO-SAN... DO YOU MIND IF I CALL FOR AN ASSISTANT?


WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW ...
COULD YOU EXPLAIN THIS TO ME ..?

IT MONITORS THE ENTIRE MANSION VIA MANY SYSTEMS
→ ENICA WAS CREATED IN ANCIENT TIMES. IT'S THE WORLD'S MOST ANCIENT CALCULA-TOR-LIKE MACHINE
WHICH MEANS THAT IT'S OPERAT-ING?
WHETHER IT'S FROM A HISTORICAL OR SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE, THIS MACHINE IS WORTH BOATLOADS!

THIS STUFF IS THE BOMB!!
KENTO -SAN, WHO IS...
MY STEP-BROTH-ER
HE'S A THEORETICAL PHYSICS MAJOR AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
!
,,,

KINUGAWA SHOUGO
IT WAS SURPRISING TO GET A CALL FROM YOU OUT OF THE BLUE...
TO BE ACCURATE, I'M A QUANTUM PHYSICS MAJOR
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D GET CAUGHT UP IN SUCH AN EXCITING AND TROUBLESOME SITUATION
WELL, MY BAD . BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO CRACK JOKES WITH YOU RIGHT NOW NII-SAN...
YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS AFTER ALL, IT'S MY CUTE STEPBROTHER ASKING FOR THE FAVOUR
I'LL SUFFER WITH YOU
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN ...?

NICE.
!?
MEET.
TO.
YOU.
!?
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
WAS THAT SYNTHETIC SPEECH?
WHERE'D IT COME FROM...?
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I SEE
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...
WHAT'S THAT?

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CYLINDRICAL SOUND RECORDERS
EACH OF THESE NEEDLES CORRESPOND TO ONE OF THE 50 PRONUNCIATIONS
IN JAPANESE?
..IS IT SOMETHING EDISON MADE WHEN HE WAS ALIVE?
ITS ARCHITECTURE ALLOWS IT TO COMPLETE CALCULATIONS, BUT IT'S NOT ABLE TO HANDLE MORE COMPLEX CALCULATIONS
I HEARD THAT MANY MODIFICATIONS WERE ADDED AT THE START
AND ALL OF A SUDDEN IT BECAME ABLE TO UNDERSTAND SPEECH FROM OUTSIDE
HMM ...
HOW INTERESTING
HOW MANY DIGITS CAN YOU COUNT UP TO? TRY 100
3 1.
4 1.
5 9
2 ...
HERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION. WHAT'S THE SMALLEST 3 DIGIT NUMBER, AND WHAT'S THE LARGEST 5 DIGIT NUMBER?
6 5
3 5
8 9...
One... hundred... and..... one..... ninety... nine... thousand... nine... hundred... and... ninety... one

TSK TSK
HUMANS EVOLVED FROM ANCIENT FISH TO BEGIN WITH
AS WE EVOLVED, THE ABILITY TO MAKE MENTAL DECISIONS AND MEMORIES WERE ADDED. THIS EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT WHAT WE NOW KNOW AS THE "BRAIN"
HEH... IT LOOKS STUPID BUT IT'S ABILITY TO COMPLETE CALCULATIONS IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE
IT MAKES SOME ERRORS WITH CALCULATIONS, BUT ITS ABILITY TO THINK IS FAR GREATER THAN WHAT A MERE CALCULATOR IS CAPABLE OF
YOU'RE SAYING THIS ANCIENT BUCKET OF BOLTS ...
IF WE SWITCH THE GEARS OUT FOR AN ELECTRONIC ONE, IT MIGHT EVEN SURPASS TODAY'S SUPER COMPUTERS
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.. ALL THE RECORDS FOR COLLECTED ITEMS ARE HERE
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHEN AND WHERE YOU GOT YOUR HANDS ON THIS?
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THIS MIGHT EVEN HELP SPEED UP HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
?
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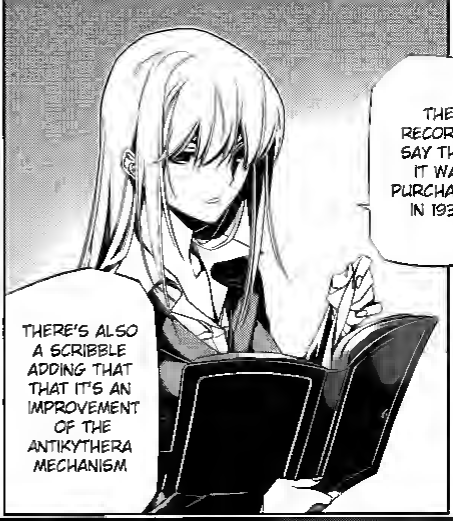
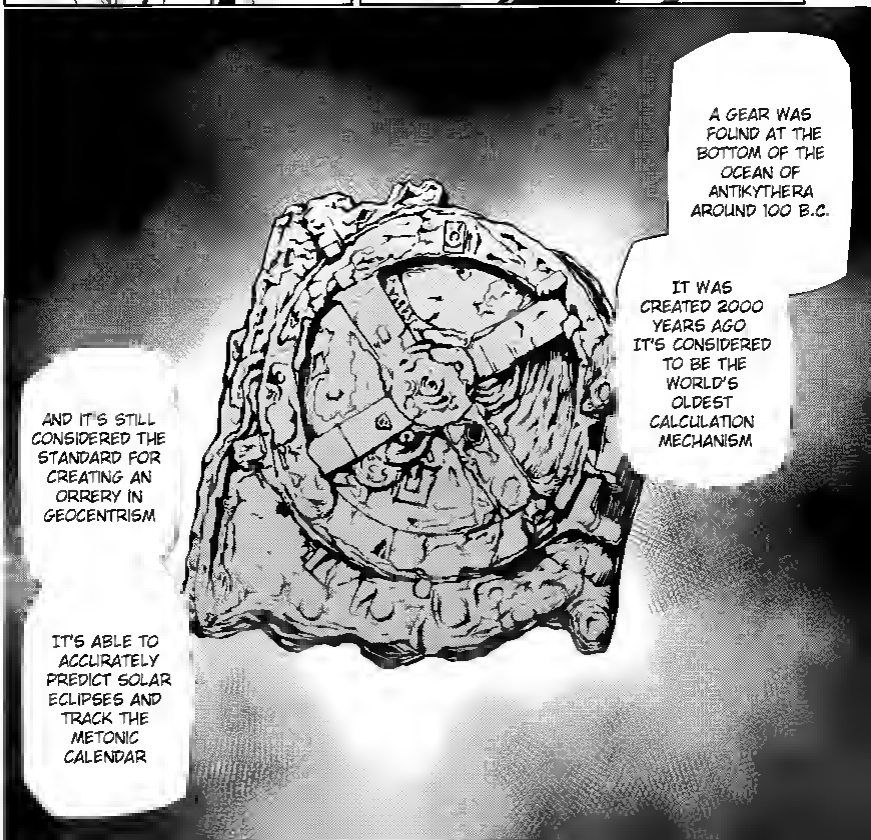
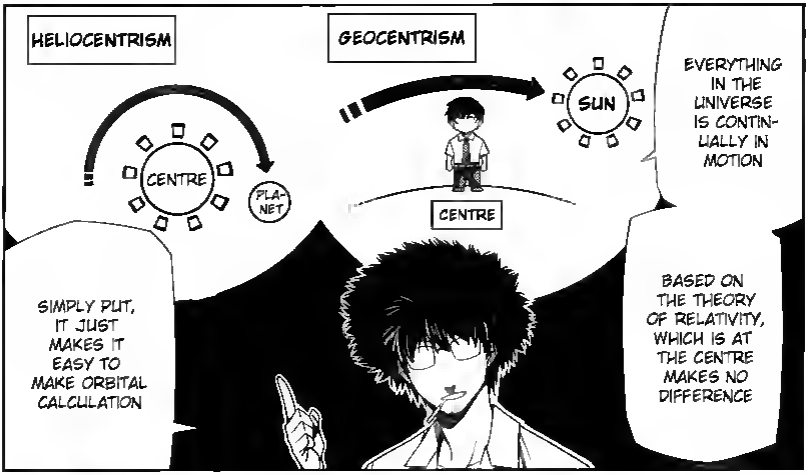
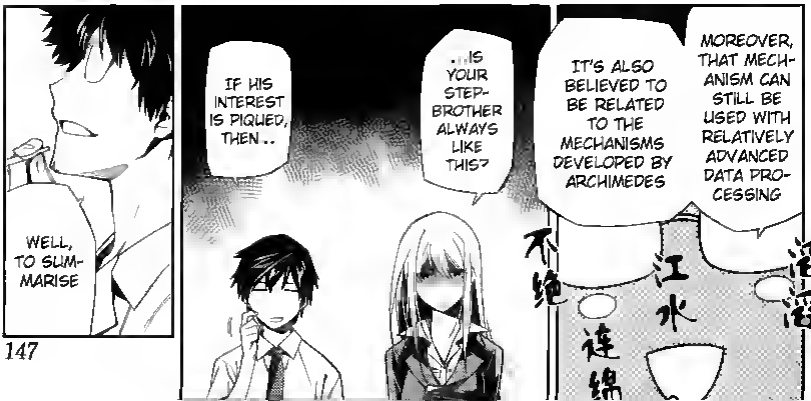
OH, THAT
ANTI... WHAT?


THE RECORDS SAY THAT IT WAS PURCHASED IN 1932
THERE'S ALSO A SCRIBBLE ADDING THAT THAT IT'S AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE ANTIKYTHERA MECHANISM


A GEAR WAS FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN OF ANTIKYTHERA AROUND 100 B.C.
IT WAS CREATED 2000 YEARS AGO IT'S CONSIDERED TO BE THE WORLD'S OLDEST CALCULATION MECHANISM
AND IT'S STILL CONSIDERED THE STANDARD FOR CREATING AN ORRERY IN GEOCENTRISM
IT'S ABLE TO ACCURATELY PREDICT SOLAR ECLIPSES AND TRACK THE METONIC CALENDAR

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GEOCENTRIC MODEL HELIO-CENTRIC MODEL IS WHICH IS THE ONE ORBIT-ING THE OTHER
ORRERY? THEY WERE ABLE TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT AMAZING...?


HELIOCENTRISM
CENTRE
PLA-NET
SIMPLY PUT, IT JUST MAKES IT EASY TO MAKE ORBITAL CALCULATION
GEOCENTRISM
SUN
CENTRE
EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE IS CONTIN-UALLY IN MOTION
BASED ON THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY, WHICH IS AT THE CENTRE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE


WELL, TO SUM-MARISE
IF HIS INTEREST IS PIQUED, THEN..
...IS YOUR STEP-BROTHER ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
IT'S ALSO BELIEVED TO BE RELATED TO THE MECHANISMS DEVELOPED BY ARCHIMEDES
MOREOVER, THAT MECH-ANISM CAN STILL BE USED WITH RELATIVELY ADVANCED DATA PRO-CESSING
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连绵
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TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE NUMERALS THAT DON'T SHOW CLEAR SIGNIFICANT FIGURES, AND THEN COMPUTE HIGH LEVEL MATHEMATICS IS INCREDIBLE
IF WHAT I SURMISE IS TRUE THEN IT'S THE WORK OF A GENIUS
SO YOU'RE SAYING THIS MECHANISM A RESULT OF THAT IMPROVE-MENT...?
UHUH...
IT'S A COM-MON BELIEF THAT THIS METHODOLOGY HAS BEEN LOST, BUT IT'S ALSO SAID THAT IT'S BEEN PASSED DOWN IN ANATOLIA
IT COULD EVEN BE FROM THERE FOR ALL WE KNOW
IT WAS CREATED FROM AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE ORIGINAL
OR THEY USED SOME OTHER METHOD NOT YET KNOWN...
IN ANY CASE, WE'LL ONLY KNOW ALL THE INTRICACIES AFTER I CONDUCT A THOROUGH EXAMINATION
EXCITED
EXTREMELY

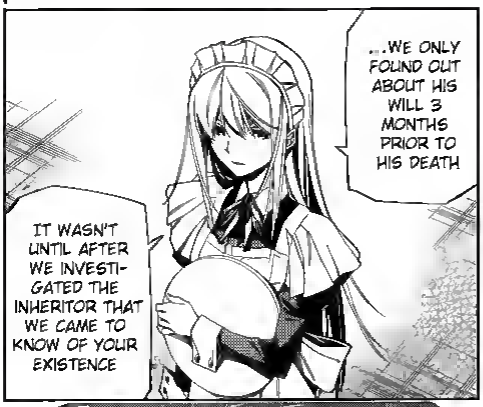
...ZIP IT...
I NEVER WOULD'VE IMAGINED YOUR BIOLOGICAL FATHER STASHED AWAY SUCH AN AWESOME TOY
WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!
...YOU'RE... SHITTING ME...
DISPOSED ITEMS FROM AREA 51? SPIRITS THAT APPEAR AT NIGHT?
THERE WAS THIS
LIKE PAINTINGS THAT MOVE AND MUMMIES? MIND-READING CONTRAPTIONS? A CURSED SAPPHIRE?
DOESN'T HE HAVE MORE RARE ITEMS?
AND THAT
HMM... ALTHOUGH I'VE ONLY MANAGED TO GET A GLANCE...
EH ...?
...GIVE ME A SERIOUS OPINION, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

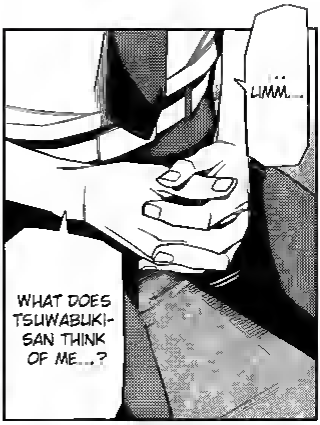
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT SCIENCE CAN'T PROVE OR FALSIFY
THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A COMPLEX MECHANISM IS PROOF THAT SCIENCE HAS YET TO CATCH UP
TO BE HONEST, FROM A QUANTUM THEORY PERSPECTIVE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION FROM A SPIRIT
COMPARED TO THOSE "THERE'RE OTHER THINGS I NEED TO RESEARCH" PEOPLE...

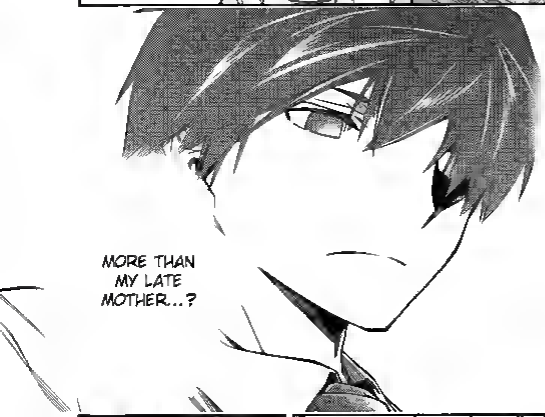
HER NAME IS MIHO-SAN RIGHT? WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HER?
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU ON ABOUT? WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
DOES SHE HAVE A SECRET TOO?
WHAT DID SHE SAY SHE WAS AGAIN? A SOME-THING-HUMAN

I'M AN OLD MODEL OF BOOSTED-HUMANS I WAS MODIFIED BY PLACING ELECTRODES INTO MY MUSCLE FIBRES
カチャ
BOOSTED-HUMAN
!?
WHAT? SO SOME SORT OF BIO-ENGINEERING?
MIHO-SAN!?
THAT UNIFORM IS ..
?
ALL THE CLOTHES WITHIN THE MANSION ARE BASICALLY THIS STYLE
YOU'RE A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT AND YOU'VE GOT A MAID? YOU THE MAN, KENTO.
I SAID YOU'RE MISTAKEN!!
グッグッ
……

...AND THEN YOU CAME HERE?
PLACES DOWN
YES
BUT JUST BEFORE I WAS DESTROYED, I WAS SAVED BY "MASTER" AND TAKEN AWAY
-AH
HUH... !?
SOME ISSUES WERE FOUND AFTER I WAS MODIFIED, SO I WAS DISPOSED OF
AS LONG AS HE PROMISED TO COOPERATE, MY MOTHER-LAND WOULD NOT MAKE A DEAL OUT OF IT AND CONTINUE TO LET ME LIVE
HE IS MY SAVIOUR
..AH
IF YOU REJECT THE INHERITANCE, WE ALONG WITH THIS MANSION WILL CEASE TO EXIST
BUT MASTER IS NO LONGER ALIVE


...WE ONLY FOUND OUT ABOUT HIS WILL 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO HIS DEATH
IT WASN'T UNTIL AFTER WE INVESTIGATED THE INHERITOR THAT WE CAME TO KNOW OF YOUR EXISTENCE


...UMM...
WHAT DOES TSUWABUKI-SAN THINK OF ME...?


MORE THAN MY LATE MOTHER...?
DOES HE VALUE HIS COLLECTION

HMPH..

WHAT SORT OF QUESTION IS THAT...?
DOESN'T THE DOG HAVE A SECRET TOO?

WHAT'S MY STEPBROTHER'S RANKING FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, DOGGY?
HEY ROB!
WAS THAT HIS NAME?
!

.....

I CAN TELL WITH JUST A GLANCE
NOT ONLY IS HE STRONG, BUT HE'S ALSO VERY SMART
HE'S BEEN LISTENING IN ATTENTIVELY TO OUR CONVERSATION
……

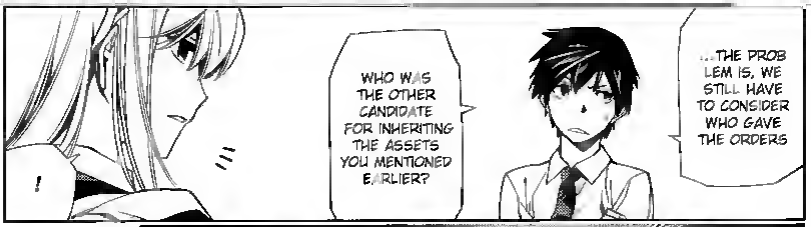
AFTER THIS BRAT'S MOTHER, MIWA-SAN PASSED AWAY, HE WAS ABLE TO LIVE A QUIET AND STABLE LIFE EVEN THOUGH HE WAS ALONE
EH!? OI ..!
HE NEVER HID ANY "GOODS" OR SPENT MONEY LAVISHLY

EVEN THOUGH WE AREN'T BLOOD RELATED, HE WAS ALWAYS CONSIDERATE OF MY FATHER AND I
HE'S MATURE
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...!?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO LET A KID LIKE THIS INHERIT ALL THIS?
……

INTERE-STING MY FOOT!!
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE IT'S A BALL BE-CAUSE IT'S NOT YOU WHO'S GOING TO BE LIVING IN MY SKIN!!
...!
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE PEOPLE?
THAT HURTS!
GRAHAM THREW THEM OUT ON THE MOUNTAIN OUT THE BACK
GRAHAM..?
MOU!

THEY WERE KILLED ...?
I DON'T THINK THEY'LL ATTEMPT TO STEAL THE COLLECTION AGAIN
MOST THIEVES WHO COME AFTER THE COLLECTION GET SO SHOCKED THEY LOSE THEIR MEMORIES OF IT AND CONTINUE ON WITH THEIR NORMAL DAILY LIVES...
IF YOU WISH, I'LL IMMEDIATELY GO AND...
NO, NO, NO. IT'S ALRIGHT!
SO INTRUDERS ARE AFTER THE COLLECTION?
...IF YOU ASK ME
THERE ARE TOO MANY VALUABLE ITEMS HERE. WE HAVE NO MEANS OF ASCERTAINING WHAT THEIR PURPOSE FOR COMING HERE IS
MY BODY MAY BE CONSIDERED OLD, BUT IT'S STILL CONSIDERED A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED BODY OF TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
MY BODY COULD ALSO BECOME A TARGET...
THE "CURSED SAPPHIRE" IN THE COLLECTION ITSELF IS 150 CARETS
HOLY...

THIS MANSION WAS ALSO BUILT BASED ON SPECIAL FENG SHUI GUIDELINES
IT'S ALSO COMMONPLACE TO SEE ITEMS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD LOOK PLAIN AND DULL IN OTHER PLACES, LOOK EXTRAVAGANTLY LUMINOUS HERE


...THE PROBLEM IS, WE STILL HAVE TO CONSIDER WHO GAVE THE ORDERS
WHO WAS THE OTHER CANDIDATE FOR INHERITING THE ASSETS YOU MENTIONED EARLIER?
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IT WAS KOUICHI-SAN
I REMEMBER... THERE WERE ONE OR TWO ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION HE REALLY WANTED TO GET HIS HANDS ON...
WHY
DON'T YOU JUST GIVE IT TO HIM, AND BE DONE WITH IT?

ROB!
AGAIN !?
!?
IN
TRU
TECTED DE
DER
AH!?
HEY!!
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS "INTRUDER DETECTED" BUSINESS?
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED!?
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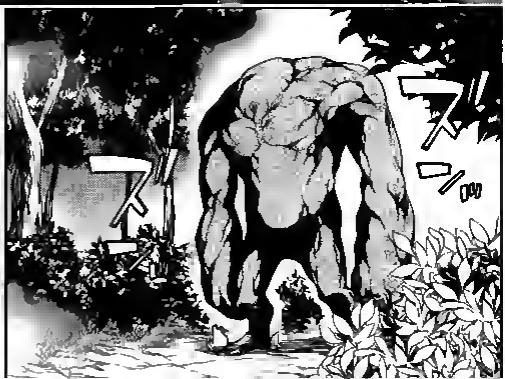

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VOOOO
★突然的炮击!!
暗夜中蠢动的本体是…!?
SUDDEN CANNON FIRE!
WHAT ARE THE THINGS
MOVING UNDER THE
VEIL OF NIGHT...!?
TO BE CONTINUED